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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
CMA RECEIVES GRANT FROM
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The Cleveland Museum of Art has received a grant of \$48,920 for gallery renovation from the National Endowment for the Arts, which is in the form of a matching grant requiring the Museum to raise three dollars for every one contributed by NEA. The Museum is in the process of raising \$147,000 in matching funds. To date \$62,000, about 42 percent of that, has been raised. The remaining \$85,000 must be raised by July 1 in order for work to begin.

The funds will be used to create a separate climate zone for the late medieval art galleries to maintain consistent levels of temperature and humidity for the protection and preservation of panel paintings, wood sculpture, and furniture. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$196,000 with work scheduled to begin this summer. Only the galleries involved will need to be closed during the renovation.

Renovation of the Museum's other galleries has cost over \$700,000 since the work was begun in 1970. The National Endowment for the Arts, which regards the program as a model for other museums, has supported the renovations with previous grants totaling \$212,362. The Museum has raised matching contributions of approximately \$475,000 to cover those grants.

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